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## AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

## **AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

The Amended Abstract is comprised of less than 150 words at page 14 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 15 of this paper. Please add claims 61 through 82. Claims 17 and 34 through 60 were withdrawn from consideration. Please cancel claims 1 through 16 and 18 through 33.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 24 of this paper.

The amendments do not constitute an admission regarding the patentability of the amended subject matter and should not be so construed. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in this or any other appropriate patent application.